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Sir:

This is a request for filing a [ ] continuation [ X ] divisional application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of:

Prior Application Serial No: 10/095,677 filed: March 12, 2002

of: James L. Bush, III, et al.

*(Inventor(s) currently of record in prior application)*

entitled: AUTOMATIC NEGOTIATION OF AN INTERNET PROTOCOL ADDRESS  
FOR A NETWORK CONNECTED DEVICE

*(Title of Invention)*

1. [ X ] Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the oath or declaration as originally filed.

2. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION, LESS ANY CLAIMS  
CANCELED BY AMENDMENT BELOW

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Basic Fee			\$375.00		\$750.00	\$750.00
Total Claims	12	- 20	0	\$9.00	\$18.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims	1	- 3	0	\$42.00	\$84.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims			+\$135.00		+\$270.00	\$0.00
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3. A check in the amount of \$750.00 is enclosed. (Check No.9848)

4. [ X ] Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
--This is a Division of application Serial No. 10/095,677, filed March 12, 2002.--

5. [ ] New informal drawings are enclosed.

6. [ X ] The prior application is assigned of record to Lexmark International, Inc.

7. [ ] A new combined declaration and power of attorney is enclosed.

8. [ X ] A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)

9. [ X ] I have reviewed the attached specification and drawings and have determined that no new matter is present therein over prior application Serial No. 10/095,677, filed on March 12, 2002.

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10. [ X ] Incorporation by Reference: The entire disclosure of the parent application listed herein, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered to be part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

11. [ X ] The Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication or during the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. **20-0095**, **TAYLOR & AUST, P.C.** A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

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RE: Application for United States Letters Patent

APPLICANT: James L. Bush, III, et al.

TITLE OF INVENTION: AUTOMATIC NEGOTIATION OF AN INTERNET  
PROTOCOL ADDRESS FOR A NETWORK CONNECTED DEVICE

Sir:

Forwarded herewith is the above-identified application, consisting of the following:

Request for filing a Divisional Application

Copy of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/095,677  
filed March 12, 2002 (2001-0696)

Copy of Executed Declaration for U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/095,677  
Information Disclosure Statement, including Form PTO 1449  
Preliminary Amendment

Respectfully submitted,



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